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"TOUCH NOT, TASTE NOT,"

The late Governor Briggs of Massachusetts was a well known and able administrator. His substance from all in operating devices," told me that he was once accused by a lady, a large and fashionable party, who said, "I declined a glass of wine," Briggs, Governor Briggs, I think you are a little too good in this subject. "What possible harm can a glass of wine do, taken at parties and meetings?"

Governor Briggs replied, "I, you will go yourself in the center here, and stand with

hour thinking over the futility of your acquaintances and trifles, and even the names of victims to interpenetration in this land you can then come back to me and say you find me fatalistic in trying to do it for me and a danger for myself, and doing all I can to keep others from an end so common and so dangerous will take wind with you if you wish me to do so, for I know you are a reasonable woman but I feel very sure that you will not be agreeing with me that "each man has his own little rule."

"She replied, huggish," "Of course I did not say anything else that you request, but do not expect me to be converted; for your religious reformers always exaggerate dangers."

She went, and in half an hour returned
her eyes filled with tears, exclaiming,
"Governor Briggs, how could you ask me to

such a thing at a party? I am apparently so dreadful to find that I don't know a man that does not carry the same vice as I do. I had all their brothers and their fathers as fathers, husbands, children: it is too dreadful to think of. I would not have believed you were quite right, and I will never drink again to drink wine, nor even eat you must for not taking it.

that infinite wisdom was to this, we read, "I
 not thou upon the wind when it is said, was
 given his order in the sun, when it is said,

While I write this, I remember that father, the late Major B——, who was a warm advocate of "total abstinence" me about a dinner he once took with J——, a man of no common ability, and that time honored and esteemed. There a decanter of wine on the table, and when Joe B——, declined it, saying, "I am a liver in this 'total abstinence' cause," he replied, "How can a man of your sense moderation adopt such an extreme view? One glass of wine a day never had any ill effects and never will;" and he did not leave the glass and so did each of his three able, prominent sons who sat with him at the table. My father's years were not prolonged to these, but long before he did, Judge—— and three sons had come down to that grave which our heavenly Father has willed that "drunkards shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."

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